



HOT FIGHT OVER JUDGE CAMPBELL

Hon. G. Y. Hunley to Lead
for Amherst Judge.

FULL STATUS OF
THE CASE GIVEN

Senate May Wish to Have
Further Investigation.

HON. RICHARD B. DAVIS
TO LEAD OPPOSITION

Will Contend Strongly on the Floor of
the House That the Accused Judge
Should Be Removed—Judge
C. J. Campbell Says He
Will Not Offer His
Resignation.

The Campbell case is assuming a most
interesting phase, and some develop-
ments are promised next week, which
will not tend in the least to decrease
public interest in the matter.

On the other hand, the subject is go-
ing to be practically the "whole show"
in legislative circles for some time to
come.

On motion of Chairman Southall, the
reports have been set as a special and
continuing order for to-morrow at noon,
and when they come up, the first battle
will be between the members of the com-
mittee.

The majority, led by the Hon. Richard
B. Davis, of Petersburg, will contend
that the report signed by himself and six
of his colleagues, including Judge Campbell
guilty upon four specifications, should be
adopted as the charges upon which the
Legislature will proceed to remove, and
Cassius C. Campbell, leader of the opposi-
tion, will lead the opposition in favor
of the milder report, which asks for re-
moval upon only three of the specifica-
tions. When the House shall have de-
termined upon which time it will proceed,
all thirteen of the committeemen will line
up behind the report, and fight for its
adoption.

DAVIS A STRONG LEADER.

It looks now as if under the strong
leadership of Mr. Davis, the House will
prefer the majority report, and if so,
the lines will be very sharply drawn upon
the final adoption. It has developed that
Hon. George Y. Hunley, of Matthews,
will be the Campbell leader on the floor,
and that he will have the earnest and
active support of Hon. S. L. Kelley, of
this city, and Hon. S. Gordon Cumming,
of Hampton. Mr. Hunley is outspoken in
his advocacy of Judge Campbell, and de-
clares that the prosecution is composed
of personal and political enemies of the
accused Judge, who came together with
the evident purpose of crushing him.

Judge Campbell is upon the ground, and
is in good spirits, but he declares he will
do nothing with a view to influencing the
decision of the General Assembly.

The case is one of utmost public in-
terest. It is the third of its kind arising
in Virginia in thirty years, and it is
a coincidence that each of the prede-
cessors of Judge Campbell has been re-
moved.

CAMPBELL HAS FRIENDS.

That Judge Campbell has friends in
the Legislature there is no doubt, but it
is evident that some of them are be-
ginning to weaken under public senti-
ment and the report of the committee.
One of them said last night that he
thought the case had been decided, and
when Judge Campbell owed it to his
friends to release them, as it looked
as if they might not be able to save
him, and that there were pitfalls ahead
for those members who opposed the
removal of the judge.

It is not believed that Judge Camp-
bell is doing any great amount of per-
sonal work on the case, and he need
not thus embarrass himself, for he has
numerous friends here, both in and out
of the Legislature.

One of them is responsible for the
statement that the House will never be
able to show fifty-one members voting
for the removal of Judge Campbell, for
the reason that the judge can muster
and keep present as many as twenty-five
friends who will oppose any move look-
ing to his removal, and that the attend-
ance upon the House will hardly ex-
ceed during the session reach as many as
seventy-five.

MAY FURTHER INVESTIGATE.

They take still another view of it, and
say that if the report should be adopted
and go to the Senate, that body may
in its discretion refer the matter to a
committee and have the investigation
all over again. If this latter opinion
should be the correct one, it is hard to
tell when the case will end, for indeed it
will be disposed of before final adjourn-
ment. But those who are behind the
reports in the House will no doubt have
some pride in the matter of carrying the
case upon the House, and Mr. Davis is ex-
pected, if need be, to lead a terrific fight,
backed by his colleagues, many of whom
are strong speakers.

Not in years has there been a matter of
such public interest before the Legisla-
ture, and the public will watch its pro-
gress at every stage with all consuming
interest.

WILL NOT RESIGN.

A rumor was circulated in the Capitol
yesterday to the effect that Judge Camp-
bell might possibly offer his resignation
to the Governor, and thereby cut off all
further proceedings in the matter. When
seen last night, Judge Campbell stated
that he had had no thought of resigning,
and that he had in his whole life estab-
lished the fact that he was by no means a
quitter.

One of Judge Campbell's strong sup-
porters gave out the following interview
last night:

The friends of Judge Campbell have
not by any means given up the fight.
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fact that he had had no thought of re-
signing, and that he had in his whole life
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"RACE SUICIDE?—WELL, I'M NOT GUILTY."

nothing more than the indictment of a
grand jury or the preliminary to a
court-martial proceeding; and that while
the committee may be justified in find-
ing that the evidence is such as to war-
rant a trial for removal from office un-
der section 104 of the new Constitution,
yet it does not necessarily follow that
the facts proved are such as to cause
the General Assembly to remove Judge
Campbell.

There are a number of gentlemen in
both houses who do not close personal
friends of Judge Campbell, yet are
ready to champion his cause, for the
reason that they do not think the facts,
broadly considered, are such as to war-
rant his removal from office. They in-
tend to see that he has fair play and
will make a determined fight to this end.

Many will vote for a resolution of
censure who will not vote for removal,
and it is not improbable that the fight
may be along these lines.

It will require fifty-one votes in the
House and twenty-one in the Senate to
remove, and those who are opposed to
removal contend that these numbers can-
not be obtained.

A NOTICE IS ISSUED BY PRESIDENT OGDEN

President Robert C. Ogden, of the Con-
ference for Education in the South, has
sent out an official notice for the con-
ference to convene for its annual session
in this city, Wednesday, April 22d. The
meetings are to continue until Friday,
April 24th. Excursions to the University
of Virginia and to William and Mary
and Fortress Monroe have been arranged
for the 25th and 26th. The anniversary
of the Hampton Institute and the
public presentation of the Huntington
Library will take place on Tuesday, the
28th, and Wednesday, the 29th. President
Ogden announces that "more complete
information will shortly follow. This pre-
liminary notice. The officers of the con-
ference are very desirous that many
friends of educational progress will ac-
cept the generous invitation from the
State of Virginia and the citizens of
Richmond."

WISH TO DECREASE THE FIRE RATES

A New Tariff is Shortly to Be
Applied to the City of
Richmond.

The following petition was on Saturday
signed by every policy-writing fire office
in Richmond, except three, whose man-
agers could not be seen, and these three
will probably affix their signatures Mon-
day:

"The undersigned policy-writing offices
and agents at Richmond, Va., hereby peti-
tion their companies to cause the Re-
vised General Tariff of January 1, 1903,
to be promptly applied at Richmond, and
a new Richmond City Tariff Book based
thereon, to be published without delay,
pledging themselves to observe in good
faith such tariff when properly applied,
published and made effective."

A little more than a year ago all the
fire insurance companies doing business
in the United States, because of abnormal
losses being experienced throughout the
territory east of the Rocky Mountains,
ordered and most rigidly enforced in that
territory an arbitrary increase of twenty-
five per cent. of the rates then current
on all of the classes upon which the high
loss ratio was being experienced. It is
hoped that the application of the new
General Tariff to Richmond city risks
may result in some decrease of the high
rates now prevailing here, and the Rich-
mond agents very properly desire to re-
cure for their customers as promptly as
possible any relief which this revision may
provide.

TOBACCO MARKETS

Reports From Danville, Lynch-
burg and Elsewhere.

PRICES SATISFACTORY.

A Great Amount of Wagon Tobacco on
The Market in Danville. Offerings
Not Confined to Any Particu-
lar Grade.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA., March 7.—The past
week has been the most active on the
tobacco breaks since the first of the
year, and as a whole the market has
been quite satisfactory. For several
weeks nearly all the offerings have been
of shipped tobacco and goods that have
been in storage for some time. This
class of goods has not been picked up
as readily as fresh goods from first
hands, and as a consequence the prices
have been low. It has been noted, how-
ever, that the demand for the better
class of tobacco has been good and has
brought a good price.

The past week has seen a great deal
of wagon tobacco on the market and a
corresponding advance in the price. The
sales have been good, on several days
the offerings have not been confined to any
particular grade, but it was noticed
that a good deal of really good bright
tobacco was offered and quickly bought
at good prices. The large sales this
week were more than was expected, as
it was thought that the bulk of the to-
bacco had been marketed, and each week
it is predicted that the next will see
small sales, but the indications are now
that the next few weeks will be light,
as the farmers are behind with their
spring work and if the weather opens
up so that they would be able to work
in the ground they will let the tobacco
rest for a short while.

The figures on the sales for the week
have not been made up from all the
warehouses, but it is estimated that
they will run over two million pounds,
and the price will average more than
for several weeks. In fact, one of the
local warehousemen said this had been
one of the best weeks on the local mar-
ket since last fall.

Several out-of-town buyers were on
the breaks this week looking over the of-
ferings and buying in small quantities.
Mr. W. H. Smoot, of Richmond, was
here the first of the week and was
well pleased with the quantity and
quality of the offerings.

Mr. J. A. Ragon, formerly of this
city, but now connected with a large
tobacco marketing house located in Ha-
vana, Cuba, was also among the in-
terested visitors and noted a marked
improvement in the market over what
it was when he was here before.

Mr. W. Reynolds, of the Reynolds To-
bacco Company, of Winston, N. C., and
George T. Brown, independent manu-
facturer, of Winston.

time, the increase has reached one mil-
lion, five hundred thousand pounds. The
prices obtained have been as a rule,
very satisfactory, though there has been
some complaint about the prices re-
ceived for medium leaf. The general
average of prices has been very satis-
factory. The quality of the offerings
has not been as good as was expected.
The appearance has been all right, the
leaf being good length and the color being
just what that trade wants, a fine light
or dark brown; yet its quality has not
been that of real first-class tobacco.
That crop thus far has weighed out
rather lighter than usual, a condition
that is due to the extremely dry weath-
er of the last summer and autumn, there
having been very little rain from the
time of the planting of the crop until it
was cut.

The tobacco trade here is very active.
Each day the buyers are out in full
force looking after their various grades.
The warehouses are well-filled, the re-
ceipts running into the hundreds of thou-
sands of pounds for every day in the
week. To sell this large quantity of
tobacco, it takes each day from 3 o'clock
in the morning to 1 o'clock in the after-
noon, with two sales running at the
same time. With such large sales and
with the prices averaging from six to
six and a half per hundred pounds, it
can readily be seen that the Lynchburg
tobacco market is having a lively time
of it.

LABOR VERY SCARCE IN HALIFAX

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SOUTH BOSTON, VA., March 7.—
While other States are perfecting or-
ganizations for the purpose of reducing
the acreage of the 1903 crop of tobacco,
there is no such talk in this section, as
it is well known that the scarcity and
demoralization of negro labor will nec-
essarily curtail the crop. Only a few
farmers have succeeded in getting the
requisite number of hands for the plant-
ing of crops of any kind. It is fully
realized by all tillers of the soil that
the old man and his sons will have to
do the work this year or no crops will
be made. This, in a measure, was true
of the crops raised last year, and the
result is that the small farmer has more
money to-day than he ever had be-
fore. There is no danger of overplant-
ing in Halifax; the negroes are still
going North, where wages are said to
be more remunerative. The sales of to-
bacco this week were large, and but
little complaint was heard from the
sellers. No more real big sales are ex-
pected during the spring unless there
should be a continuing wet spell.

Among buyers from a distance who
were on the sales this week were: Wil-
liam N. Reynolds, of the Reynolds To-
bacco Company, Winston, N. C., and
George T. Brown, independent manu-
facturer, of Winston.

GOOD PRICES IN GREENSBORO

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GREENSBORO, N. C., March 7.—To-
bacco sales here have been spirited and
active the past week, and prices have
advanced decidedly over those of the
past three weeks, possibly \$2.50 per hun-
dred. While receipts have been larger
than any week of the new year, the
quality brought in has very materially
deteriorated, a great deal of very com-
mon stuff being brought.

One dealer yesterday said he had never
seen so much mean, sorry tobacco
as was coming in and he could not un-
derstand the demand for it, and good
prices. What good tobacco has come in
commands active rivalry in bids, the
few good wrappers offered really bring-
ing fancy prices, while good fillers go
off at the low end.

The grades on the warehouse floors
to-day showed a decided improvement
in quality and average prices were per-
haps the best realized in two months.

TO IMPROVE THE SCHOOLS

Uniform Graded System for
Henrico.

HEIGHTS' IMPROVEMENTS

Another Board of Reference Seems to
Be a Possibility—The Consol-
idation of the County
Teams.

Steps are being taken to adopt a uni-
form system of grading for application
to all the public schools of Henrico
county. At the present the system is
anything but uniform, and it is desired
to make a general change.

The first meeting of the committee re-
cently appointed by the joint School
Boards of the county to discuss and
arrange for the scheme of grading met
yesterday at the courthouse at 12:30
o'clock. There were present R. M.
Smith, chairman; E. M. Pilecher, secre-
tary, and J. S. Bryan, County Superin-
tendent John K. Russell, who is ex-
officio member of the board, was also
present. In answer to the request of
the board the principals of Barton
Heights High School, Tuckahoe High
School, Fairfield High School and Var-
ina High School were present. The
board appointed a committee of eight,
consisting of Mr. Smith and Miss Gray,
from Tuckahoe school; Mr. Williams and
Miss Quinby, from Brookland; Mr.
Campbell and Miss Dickinson, from
Fairfield, and Miss Bauer and Miss
Crowell, from Varina. This committee
will frame a provisional scheme of
grading and will submit it to the board
for action.

Extensive improvements are contem-
plated in Barton Heights. Work has al-
ready begun, and shortly will
begin the laying of water pipes. This con-
dition will now be remedied to the satis-
faction of all. A 60-foot steel tank will
be erected sixty feet from the ground,
giving an excellent pressure.

New fire plugs will be placed and
a new system of piping will be intro-
duced. The number of lights will be
increased.

A special meeting of the Board of Su-
perintendents of the county will in all
probability be called very shortly.
The meeting will be for the purpose of
considering the advisability of consoli-
dating the county teams and letting them
move about from one district to the
other. At the present time each district
has its separate service of teams.

There appears to be a possibility of
another school stir-up in Henrico with
Reference, maybe. It is understood that
one of the teachers has called for an
inquiry. The county board, it is under-
stood, is doing what it can to settle
the matter without the intervention of
the Board of Reference.

In the report of the Tucker affair a
day or two ago it was stated that the
little boy, Ernest Cooby, testified that
the only time he had ever had any con-
versation with the minister was when
he (Cooby) was stealing home of Mr.

Tucker's grapes. This was a mistake.
Ernest said the conversation occurred
when some other boys were stealing
the grapes.

A RAILROAD RUMOR

Reported That Pennsylvania Has Bought
Atlantic and Danville.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOYDTON, VA., March 7.—A rumor
here is to the effect that the Pennsylv-
ania system has purchased from the
Southern the Atlantic and Danville
branch of its road, which runs from
Norfolk to Danville, a distance of 265
miles.

Mr. W. E. Moore has rented his resi-
dence to Mr. W. L. Clark, and will move
in a short time with his family to Farm-
ville. Mr. Moore is now engaged in
the feed business in Farmville.

The public schools of the Boydton dis-
trict have all been extended for a month
longer than they were contracted to be
taught.

All the deeds in the clerk's office of
Mecklenburg are now recorded with type-
writer. This will be a great convenience
to the public as well as the lawyers, as
the records can be so much more read-
ily and easily read in type than writ-
ten.

Mr. Henry W. Burnett, an old and
respected citizen living near here, was
suddenly killed by a vicious horse this
week that he has to go on crutches.

Hon. Robert Turnbull, of Brunswick
county, was here yesterday on business.
He returned to his home on the early
morning train. Mr. Turnbull is looking
well.

DR. R. E. FRANKLIN ON A VISIT TO ACCOMAC

Dr. R. E. Franklin, who recently lost
an eye by accidentally striking the ball
of his eye with a knife he was cleaning,
has gone to Accomac county to recuper-
ate.

He expects to be gone some weeks,
when he will return and resume his
practice.

THE CARNIVAL IS TO BE DISCUSSED

A General Meeting Called at
Murphy's Hotel for Mon-
day Night.

A meeting of business men and the
general public is arranged for Monday
night at 8:30, at Murphy's Hotel, for
the purpose of discussing the advis-
ability of a carnival, or some exhibit or
entertainment that would be interesting
for people throughout all parts of the
State.

By order of committee, Isaac Cohen,
John S. Harwood, Henry W. Rountree,
Henry Lee Valentine, Ralph Levy,
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THE VETERANS AS ROMAN SENATORS

About twenty veterans from the Sol-
diers' Home will on the 10th Tuesday
night, and as Senators of ancient Rome
will appear upon the stage in Mr. Rich-
ard Mansfield's production of Julius Cae-
sar.

For the past few days the old soldiers
have been hard at it, getting themselves
twisted into the proper shape. In the ma-
jority of cases they will have nothing to
say and little to do besides look ancient
and wise, but that doesn't matter much.
Several of them are hugely enjoying the
diversion.

Twenty or more undergraduates from
the Daniels School of Acting have also
been engaged. About 100 young men have
signed themselves as Senators, guards,
attendants, or what not.

TORRENS SYSTEM APPROVED

Expressions of Interest
From Virginia.

WOULD SIMPLIFY
MANY TRANSACTIONS

Those Well-Informed Are Ear-
nest Advocates.

WELL KNOWN MEN
ARE INTERVIEWED

Many of the State's Best Lawyers Join
In Declaring That the Adoption of
The Torrens System of Land
Registration Would be a Great
Step in Advance For
the State.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., March 7.—Nearly
every lawyer declares that he doesn't
know enough of the bill for the introduc-
tion of the Torrens system of land title
registry to talk about it intelligently.
They confess to have heard of it and to
know something about its general pro-
visions and purposes, but for one reason
or another they are not familiar enough
with it to say whether such a bill should
be enacted or not.

Judge D. TUCKER BROOKE, a member of
the Constitutional Convention, a fine
lawyer and a citizen of the best intelli-
gence, is an example of the lack of in-
terest in the discussion of the proposed
law. He is busy about other things and
his attention has not been directed to the
relief, if any, that the Torrens system
promises to the complications in the
transfer of land titles. Speaking on the
subject this morning, Judge Brooke said
in substance: "I have not read the pro-
posed law, and therefore I cannot speak
knowingly of it, but I shall say that
if it will remove the necessity of solving
the inextricable puzzles into which many
of the land titles hereabout have fallen,
I shall be in favor of its adoption. If the
bill will accomplish the results it ad-
vocates claim for it, then I shall be glad
to have it enacted. But I am not pre-
pared to say that it will accomplish those
results, and I have heard that the law,
if enacted, will entail great expense."

JUDGE ALLAN R. HANCKEL.
"Unless the Torrens system proves to be
a great disappointment to its advoc-
ates, it will greatly assist the transfer
of real estate, enabling owners to dis-
pose of or to borrow money on it with
almost as much facility as personal prop-
erty. You can put me down as being
heartily in favor of giving it a trial in
this State."

"Having only a general idea of the sys-
tem of land titles known as the Torrens
system, and not having seen the McIl-
waine bill, I am not in a position to give
an intelligent opinion as to its expedi-
ency. I don't think such a law should be
compulsory, and in order for it to be
generally used the expenses attached to
its use should be so reasonable as to put
it within the reach of small land owners.
It would be a good thing to have the
law made public, so that the public can
become familiar with its details."

EXPENSE TOO GREAT.
The frequently-expressed opinion among
the lawyers here is that the expense of
the Torrens system is too great. One
of them said that it would cost all of the
value of a \$200 lot to have it registered
by this system. The same commentator
said that the State system of titles here
is not so expensive as the Torrens system.
Another objector said that if not compulsory
the system would be useless, and if com-
pulsory it would be a hardship to those
who have held their property for twenty
five years and are satisfied with their
title.

ABSTRACT TITLE COMPANY.
An abstract title company, with a cap-
ital of \$100,000, has been formed here,
which will have to stop the expense of
the Torrens system in order to accomplish
the same purpose for which it was
formed. Interest in that enterprise de-
ters some citizens from expressing an
opinion. But one of the members of the
committee said that the expense of titles here
is not so expensive as the Torrens system,
and that the expense of the Torrens system
is too great. He is indifferent as to
the means of relief, if the Torrens
system will afford the same relief as the
present system, and if it will be a hard-
ship to those who have held their property
for twenty five years and are satisfied with
their title.

JOHN G. TILTON, Commonwealth's attor-
ney, said that he had not sufficient spe-
cial knowledge of the subject to enable
him to speak confidently on the subject
of the Torrens system, but if it will en-
sure the perfection of the titles of land
it will be an inestimable blessing to the
people of this Commonwealth.

INTEREST AROUSED IN FREDERICKSBURG

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 7.—
Much interest is felt here, as elsewhere
in the bill pending in the Legislature
known as the Torrens system of regis-
tering real estate. There is a general
desire on the part of the public for
some simpler system than the present
one, but upon inquiry it is apparent
that the average citizen is not fami-
lar with the Torrens system, but they
have a vague idea that it will be an
improvement over the present method.
The following are interviews with some
of those who have given the subject at-
tention.

Hon. A. T. Embury, a former mem-
ber of the Legislature and at present Coun-
sellor-at-law, said that in a number of
years there have been no actions of
discovery to try titles except to construe
wills. With the passing up of large